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July 2, 2014

TO: EACH SUPERVISOR

FROM: DARYL L. OSBY, FIRE CHIEF

AUGMENTED STAFFING PLAN FOR THE 2014 FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY

Based on the current weather conditions and the critical fire risk, the Department has developed a robust augmented staffing plan for the upcoming 4th of July holiday.

The Department has added the following additional resources for the holiday staffing plan:

Engines	15	FF Patrols	23
Water Tenders	10	Dozers Teams	1
Helicopters	2	Other support units	3
Rescue Boat	1	Various support and command staff	

This will amount to approximately 197 additional personnel for the 2014 Fourth of July holiday. The detailed augmented staffing plan is attached for your review.

Additionally, during the past week the Department participated in three multi-jurisdictional press conferences regarding the wildland fire season in conjunction with fireworks safety precautions. Furthermore, the Department will be patrolling communities in relation to public safety and illegal fireworks working together with law enforcement.

As in the past, the Department will produce and forward to your Honorable Board Department activities for the 4th of July weekend. The Department will continue to remain vigilant of any changes and will provide updates as necessary.

SERVING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF:

AGOURA HILLS	CALABASAS	DIAMOND BAR	HIDDEN HILLS	LA MIRADA	MALIBU	POMONA	SIGNAL HILL
ARTESIA	CARSON	DUARTE	HUNTINGTON PARK	LA PUENTE	MAYWOOD	RANCHO PALOS VERDES	SOUTH EL MONTE
AZUSA	CERRITOS	EL MONTE	INDUSTRY	LAKEWOOD	NORWALK	ROLLING HILLS	SOUTH GATE
BALDWIN PARK	CLAREMONT	GARDENA	INGLEWOOD	LANCASTER	PALMDALE	ROLLING HILLS ESTATES	TEMPLE CITY
BELL	COMMERCE	GLENORA	IRWINDALE	LAWDALE	PALOS VERDES ESTATES	ROSEMEAD	WALNUT
BELL GARDENS	COVINA	HAWAIIAN GARDENS	LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE	LOMITA	PARAMOUNT	SAN DIMAS	WEST HOLLYWOOD
BELLFLOWER	CUDAHY	HAWTHORNE	LA HABRA	LYNWOOD	PICO RIVERA	SANTA CLARITA	WESTLAKE VILLAGE
BRADBURY							WHITTIER

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Please feel free to contact me at (323) 881-6180 with any questions.

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TO: ALL CHIEF OFFICERS
ALL ADMINISTRATIVE SITES

FROM: CHIEF DEPUTY MICHAEL T. METRO
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SUBJECT: **AUGMENTED STAFFING PLAN FOR THE 2014
FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY**

DISPOSITION: RETAIN IN THE BRIEFING MANUAL UNTIL AUGUST 31, 2014;
THEN DISCARD

In anticipation of additional emergency activity for the Fourth of July holiday, the following additional resources and augmented staffing will be provided by the respective bureaus, divisions, and jurisdictional battalion card file sites.

Note: If the burn index threshold is reached during the daily fire weather assessment, additional staffing directives will be issued by the duty deputy chief.

Operations Bureaus

- July 4th – Staff all water tenders for 24 hours (0800 to 0800 hours).
- July 4th – Staff 5 patrols (77, 78, 80, 92, and 114) in the North Region with one (1) captain and one (1) firefighter for 24 hours (0800 to 0800 hours).
- July 4th – Staff all remaining unstaffed patrols for 24 hours (0800 to 0800 hours) with one (1) firefighter.
- July 4th – Staff a 4th firefighter for Engines 77 and 78 for 24 hours (0800 to 0800 hours).
- July 4th – Staff one (1) Type I Engine Strike Team (500 series engines) for 24 hours (0800 to 0800 hours). The Strike Team will be staffed by one (1) engine from the North Region, and two (2) engines each from both Central and East Regions, with a battalion chief strike team leader and a battalion chief strike team leader trainee staffed from the North Region, to form up at Camp 2. The engines will be staffed with four (4) people.

- July 4th – Staff one (1) Type III Engine Task Force (staff Department Cal OES type III engines) for 24 hours (0800 to 0800 hours), with a battalion chief task force leader and a battalion chief task force leader trainee. The OES Task Force will be staged at Fire Station 150.
- July 4th – Split all Light Forces (LF 8, 82, 127, 170, & 181).
- Incident Management Team 1 will have the duty during the holiday.

Air and Wildland Division

- July 4th – Staff a Fireship at Camp 9 for 24 hours (0800 to 0800 hours).
- July 4th - Staff HELCO with Chief Officer for 24 hours (0800 to 0800 hours).
- July 4th – Staff Helitender 1 at Fire Station 129 for 24 hours (0800 to 0800 hours).
- July 4th – Staff Helitender 2 at Pacoima (HVEQ) for 24 hours (0800 to 0800 hours).
- July 4th – Staff Fuel Tender 1 at Pacoima (HVEQ) for 24 hours (0800 to 0800 hours).
- July 4th - Staff four (4) dozer teams at Fire Stations 64, 129, 156 and Heavy Equipment Unit for 24 hours (0800 to 0800 hours).
- July 4th – Staff two (2) Camp battalion chiefs for 24 hours (0800 to 0800 hours), one (1) dozer supervisor, seven (7) superintendents and 28 crews for 24 hours (0800 to 0800 hours).

Lifeguard Division

- July 4th (1100 to 2200 hours) - Staff Dive 1 (LR5200) as a Department resource. Dive 1 will be staffed by two (2) Dive Team members and will stage out of Venice Headquarters. Dive 1 would be readily available for any County/Department response for diving.
- July 4th - Staff an extra Baywatch Rescue Boat (1200 to 2200 hours).

- Extend field captain hours as necessary on July 4th, typically until 2200 hours. Heavy evening activity and/or off shore fireworks displays anticipated at Cabrillo, Torrance, Redondo, Dockweiler, Venice, Santa Monica, Will Rogers, and Malibu/Zuma.

Command and Control

- July 4th Day – (0700 to 1900 hours) - Staff with 17 fire dispatchers (FDs) and three (3) supervising fire dispatchers (SFDs).
- July 4th Night – (1900 to 0700 hours) – Staff with 20 FDs and three (3) SFDs.
- At 1800 hours, FCCF will implement the North Regional Operations Communications Plan for the Antelope and Santa Clarita Valleys.
 - Battalions 11 and 17, utilize Blue 11 as TRO.
 - Battalions 6 and 22, utilize Blue 12 as TRO.
 - Complete Communications Plans will be issued “as needed” for incidents.
- July 4th – Staff one (1) additional battalion chief and one (1) additional captain for 24 hours (0800 to 0800 hours) to assist with preparing and implementing the North Regional Operations Bureau Communications Plan.

Services Bureau

- Emergency Coordination Center Team identified.
- IMD will provide technical support staff on call for emergency PC/communications repairs and CAD support for July 4th.

Prevention Bureau

- All major public fireworks displays under our jurisdiction will have a Fire Safety Officer (FSO) assigned.
- July 4th – Staff one (1) additional Arson/Fire Investigation Unit Fire Fighter Specialist for 24 hours (0800 to 0800) so there is sufficient personnel to complete simultaneous fire investigations.

- July 4th – A Fire Prevention Division non-sworn representative will be deployed at Command and Control from 1400-0000 hours to receive calls and answer questions from the field units regarding fireworks enforcement or confiscation.
- July 4th - A Fire Prevention battalion chief will be on duty from 1400-0000 hours to support the FSOs assigned to major fireworks displays and coordinate any confiscation and/or local issues.

Staffing Procedures/Timekeeping

All approved augmented staffing positions shall be filled by the respective battalion card file site in accordance with Departmental Staffing Procedures. All personnel assigned to these positions shall utilize "**Code 40**" for electronic timekeeping purposes.

Command and Control Notifications

Field battalion chiefs in the affected battalions shall notify the dispatch supervisors in Fire Command and Control, via electronic mail (user identification "DS_QB"), to confirm the authorized units provided with augmented staffing. (Example – From Bn15 – LF181 has been split, E181 and Q181 are now staffed.) Dispatch supervisors shall be notified by 0900 hours each day in accordance with the above procedures.

Any deviation to the above shall require pre-approval by the jurisdictional deputy chief or the duty chiefs after normal business hours.

Public Information Office (PIO)

PIO staff from the Public Affairs Unit shall be staffed at headquarters from 1200 to 0000 hours on July 4th to provide fireworks display show information to the public and incident information to the media. Information on fireworks shows throughout Los Angeles County can be obtained by calling the "FIREWORKS HOTLINE" at (888) 654-FIRE (3473), or on the web at www.safe4thofjuly.org.

Fireworks Patrols

Consistent with previous prevention measures over the holiday period, the Department is emphasizing the importance of fire units performing fireworks patrol activities within their jurisdictional areas throughout the day and evening hours. This patrol activity presents a high visibility posture within the community and discourages the use of illegal fireworks and/or the misuse of safe and sane fireworks.

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During this patrol activity, assigned personnel should pay particular attention to areas susceptible to fires caused by fireworks. Areas within or adjacent to the wildland interface zone and unimproved property containing grass and brush should be carefully monitored. Structures with construction features that are easily ignited or tend to transmit fire to other exposures (shake roofs or combustible siding) should also be given special attention.

Please direct any questions to your jurisdictional assistant fire chief.

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